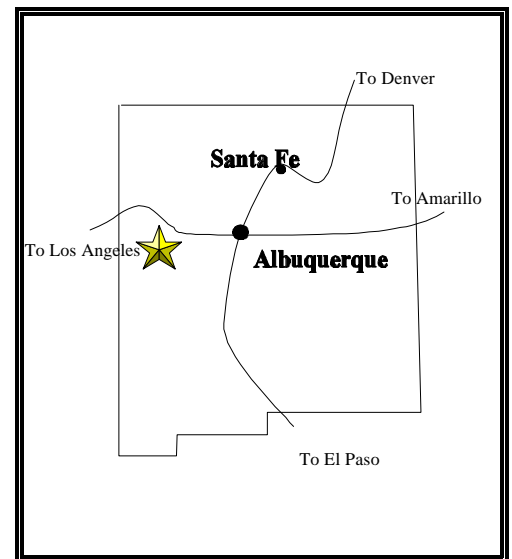


Zuni Pueblo

Solid Waste Program



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History: The Zuni people have occupied the Zuni and Little Colorado River valley for more than 5,000 years. Zuni Pueblo, the principal town, was settled around 1350 A.D. The first European contact with the Pueblos took place at Zuni in 1539. Friar de Niza returned from his visit to Zuni claiming he had seen the "Seven Cities of Cibola", prompting Coronado's visit the next year. From 1846 to 1989 the Zuni land base was reduced from 15,255,266 acres to 419,374 acres - less than three percent of the original size.

Solid Waste: According to the POEP, there are sixteen open dumps. A transfer station has been constructed and opened in the fall of 1997. EPA will be working with the Pueblo, POEP, IHS, and BIA to close the open dumps and ensure that alternative solid waste disposal systems are in place.